

REMARKS

By the above amendment, the specification has been amended to update the patented status of the parent application.

As to the rejection of claims 1 - 4 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1 - 4 of US Patent No. 6,677,244, which is the parent patent of the present continuing application, as recognized by the Examiner, such rejection can be overcome by the submission of a Terminal Disclaimer. Without acquiescing in the propriety of the rejection as set forth, in order to obtain allowance of this application at this time, submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer and the appropriate fee therefor. Accordingly, applicants submit that this rejection should now be overcome.

In view of the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, applicants submit that this application should now be in condition for allowance and issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 520.37552CC2), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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